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PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)	Docket Number (Optional) 18:1000
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First named inventor: **Brian Sims**
Application No.: **10/729,733** Art Unit: **3763**
Filed: **December 6, 2003** Examiner: **Theodore J. Stigell**
Title: **Catheter Insertion Guide**

Attention: Office of Petitions
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APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee
☒ Small entity-fee \$ **770.00** (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
☐ Other than small entity - fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m))

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☐ Reply

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Appl. No. 10/729,733
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STATEMENT OF UNINTENTIONAL ABANDONMENT

Dear Sir:

This statement is to explain the delays, which has caused this application to be abandoned. For part of 2007, there was a problem with some mail being accurately delivered. I did not receive the office action dated January 25, 2007.

Applicant became aware that an office action was mailed on January 25 2007. However, the office action was never received by the Applicant's attorney. Applicant's attorney became aware of this action when the USPTO contacted the attorney about a response to this application and a possible abandonment of the application. Applicant's attorney then went to PAIR to view the response. Once learning of the existence of this office letter attorney has been diligent in preparing a response for this office letter. I was not successful in contacting the Examiner. I was also not able to leave a message for the examiner. Even though the response was after the six-month deadline, Applicant felt that the patent office would consider the response in view of the above-mentioned problems.

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After learning of the abandonment, I attempted to correspond with the inventor. However, I only recently was able to establish communications with him. His intent is to pursue the patent application. As you may be able to conclude, based on the previously submitted response, the Applicant believes there is patentable subject matter in this application.

At the time of the mailing of the office action (January 25, 2007), the address of the action was accurate. I have received numerous correspondences from the patent office at that same address well after January 25, 2007.

I ask that you strongly consider revival of this application. Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,



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